



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

*The Office of the Governor*  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and*

*WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees; and*

*WHEREAS, Arbor Day is observed throughout the nation and the world; and*

*WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of top soil, clean the air, produce oxygen, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature and provide habitat for wildlife; and*

*WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and*

*WHEREAS, millions of seedlings are hand planted in Idaho's forests annually in addition to the millions of naturally occurring plants; and*

*WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2007 to be*

**ARBOR DAY**

*in Idaho, and I urge all citizens to celebrate this day in observance of the important role that trees play in our daily lives.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at Boise, Idaho, on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred seventeenth.*

A blue ink signature of C.L. "Butch" Otter is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

A black ink signature of Ben Yursa is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

BEN YURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE